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1. The Bangkok representatives of the Viet Minh in Cochinchina have recently purchased approximately 700,000 baht worth of arms. These arms consisted, for the most part, of Winchester rifles and light machine guns. They are also endeavoring to buy 30 radio transceivers (transmitting and receiving sets) for use in Indochina.
2. Those participating in the negotiations used the USIS office on Rachadamnoern Avenue, Bangkok, as their rendezvous.*

25X1A6a * ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. 25X1A2g ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ reported the sale of Cochinchinese rice valued at 1,700,000 baht by the Viet Minh in Bangkok. Proceeds from this sale of rice may have been used to pay for the arms purchase.

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